

a second cylindrical member disposed within said tubular sleeve portion, said second cylindrical member is adjacent to said first cylindrical member;

a third cylindrical member disposed within said tubular sleeve portion, wherein said second cylindrical member abuts and is on an injection port side of said third cylindrical member and said third cylindrical member is a separating plate;

a fourth cylindrical member disposed within said tubular sleeve portion, said fourth cylindrical member contains therein at least a portion of a plunger for pressurizing fuel; and

wherein a gap formed between an outer circumference of the third cylindrical member and an inner circumference of the tubular sleeve portion, is smaller than a gap formed between an outer circumference of the first, second or fourth cylindrical members and the inner circumference of the tubular sleeve portion.

3.. (Twice Amended) A fuel injector according to claim 1, wherein cutaways are formed in an outer circumference of said third cylindrical member.

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice and add claims 9 and 10 to read as follows:

--9. (New) The fuel injector of claim 1, wherein the second and third cylindrical members are formed as one piece.--

--10. (New) The fuel injector of claim 1, wherein the third and fourth cylindrical members are formed as one piece.--